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## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

I, Holly G. Gates, of 189 Summer Street, Apartment No. 2, Somerville MA 02143, do hereby declare:

- 1. I am one of the inventors of the above application.
- 2. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1999, and worked for the MIT Media Lab and Zond Systems, Inc. prior to my employment at E Ink. Since May 1998, I have been employed by E Ink Corporation as an electrical engineer (most recently as Senior Hardware Engineer) working on the development of encapsulated electrophoretic displays.
- 3. Together with my co-inventors Jonathan D. Albert and Russell J. Wilcox, I conceived and reduced to practice the invention forming the subject matter of the above application prior to September 11, 1998.
- 4. The document attached hereto is a copy of pages from one of my laboratory notebooks; all the enclosed pages were written prior to September 11, 1998, but certain dates have been redacted from the enclosed copy.
- 5. The attached document (see especially the drawing on the first page) shows a prototype centrally controlled display system comprising a controller (the pager), a data receiver in communication with the controller (namely the board labeled "CPU" in the drawing, which has a serial link to the pager), and a display in electrical communication with the data receiver (the items labeled "letters" in the drawing).

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6. Although it may not be apparent from the attached document the "letters" shown in the drawing were in fact prototype electrophoretic displays substantially as described in International Patent Application WO 00/05704, which is derived from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/093,689, filed July 22, 1998, essentially contemporary with the attached document. As shown in Figure 7 of WO 00/05704, and as describes at page 16, lines 13-19 thereof, each of the "letters" comprised a number of microcapsules 76 in a binder 77 sandwiched between two electrodes 74, 79, which were in turn sandwiched between two substrates, 72, 78. The microcapsules contained particles in a dyed fluid so that, depending upon the direction of the electric field between the electrodes 74, 79, the particles would either approach the front electrode (the upper electrode in Figure 7) and the pixel would display the color of the particles, or the particles would approach the back electrode, and the pixel would display the contrasting color of the dyed fluid. The displays were referred to as "letters" because, as shown for example in Figures 1 and 2 of WO 00/05704, there were multiple independently controllable rear electrodes in each display, so that by varying the voltages applied to the individual rear electrodes, one letter could be displayed on each display.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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